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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the

LUDGVAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
for the year ending 31st. ^{Decr} ~~March~~ 1925.



Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the District of Ludgvan for the year 1925, which is an Ordinary Report.

The area of the Civil Parish is 4,536 acres of land, 3 acres of water and 55 acres of foreshore.

The census population for 1921 was 2,049.

The population in 1925 is estimated to be 2,033.

The number of inhabited houses is 589.

The number of families or separate occupiers is 587.

The rateable value is £8,406, and the sum represented by a penny rate is £14.

VITAL STATISTICS.

There were 23 births (13 male and 10 female) registered, giving a birth rate of 11.3 per 1,000 of the population per annum. One was illegitimate. The rate is below the average of England and Wales, which is 18.3.

The deaths were fewer than the births, viz., 18, (10 male and 8 female), giving a death rate of 8.8 per 1,000, and lower than the death rate of 12.3 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths from Enteric fever, Measles, Scarlet fever, Whooping Cough, or Diphtheria.

CAUSE of DEATHS.

1 was from Influenza, 1 Tuberculosis, 1 Cancer, 5 Heart Disease, 2 Bronchitis and 8 other defined diseases.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Infants under one year - none.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES during the YEAR.

Disease.	Cases Notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	1.	0.	0.
Pneumonia.	1.	0.	0.
Tuberculosis.	4.	0.	1.

CAUSE of SICKNESS.

The District was very free from sickness during the year.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

There is one Midwife practising in the District under the Administration of the Cornwall County Council. There is also a District Nurse who also acts as Midwife.

There are no Hospitals, Clinics or Treatment Centres for Tuberculosis or Venereal Disease, and for the population none are required.

The nearest ambulance facilities are at Penzance.

No laboratory work is carried on. Diphtheria Antitoxin is provided free to the poorer classes.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION and INSPECTION.

The Public Health Amendment Acts of 1890 and 1907, or the Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act 1890, are not adopted, and there are no bye-laws in force.

Number of premises inspected.	100.
Choked or defective drains repaired	9.
Houses in bad repair renovated.	6.
Closets cleansed and put in order	4.
Other nuisances remedied.	27.
New closets erected.	3.
Statutory notices served.	8.
Other matters were remedied after verbal or written informal notices.	

Disinfection after 1 case of Infectious disease at No.3. Godolphin Road. Scarlet fever in March.

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SANITARY ADMINISTRATION and INSPECTION .

Periodical cleansing of the drainage at the back of Prescoe Terrace, Long Rock, and leading into the marsh, is still carried out. If this is not done slop water collects and causes a nuisance. This nuisance is mostly caused by inhabitants of adjoining houses throwing tins, refuse, &c., into the trench and blocking the water course.

INSPECTION of FOOD.

No food was seized as unfit for consumption.

There are 2 slaughter houses, and these are regularly inspected.

There are 6 dairies and cowsheds.

Numerous inspections were made and the dairies found to be well kept.

There are no bakehouses.

The disinfectants in use are Jeyes Fluid and Izal.

Rooms are sprayed with formalin, and a formalin lamp used after infectious disease.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Your Council employs an Inspector of Nuisances who also acts in the same capacity in the West Penwith Rural District, a Surveyor full time, and a Medical Officer part time.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water from the "shoot" at the top of Canonstown Hill is still being used although two years ago it was found to be unsuitable for drinking purposes. The supply is open to serious contamination.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:--

- (a). Total. 0.
- (b) With State assistance under
the Housing Acts 1917 or 1913 . 0.
- Unfit dwellinghouses. 3.

Inspection:--

- (1). Total number of dwellinghouses
inspected for housing defects (under
Public Health of Housing Acts). 100.
- (2) Number of dwellinghouses which
were inspected and recorded under the
Housing (Inspection of District
Regulations 1910). 37.
- (3). Number of dwellinghouses found
to be in a state so dangerous or injurious
to health as to be unfit for human
habitation. 0.
- (4). Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive
of those referred to under the preceding
sub-heading) found not to be in all respects
reasonably fit for human habitation 8.

Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in
consequence of informal action by the Local
Authority or their Officers. 8.

(a). No proceedings under Section 28 of the
Housing, Town Planning etc., Act 1919. 0.

(b). Proceedings under Public Health Acts:--

(1). Number of dwellinghouses in respect
of which notices were served requiring
defects to be remedied. 17.

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which
defects were remedied. 15.

(a). By Owners 15.

(b). By Local Authority in default
of Owners : None.

(c). No proceedings under Sections 17 and 13 of the
Housing, Town Planning etc., Act 1909.

Houses are still required. People are
finding it difficult to obtain suitable accomodation, and
many of the houses are getting in bad repair, especially
the roofs. High cost of material and small rents obtained
for this class of dwelling, make it difficult for the
Landlord to have this work done.

There was one case of overcrowding remedied.

FACTORIES.

There is one milk factory employing four hands,
and no other places come under the Act.

MEAT REGULATIONS.

Since April.

Notifications received numbered. . . . 124.
from 34 farms etc.

Visits paid:-

To farms &c.,	20.
2 2 Slaughter houses	about 12.

Portion of one carcase at fault and not used for
food.

In many instances notifications are not received in
time for arrangements for inspection to be carried out.

Humane killers are not always used.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy M.O.H. Ludgvan.

